

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Helen Lewis was born on December 25, 1910, to Lunda and Louise Lewis at Harlan, Iowa; and,

Whereas, At the age of eight, Helen moved with her family to a ranch east of Edgemont, South Dakota; her senior year of high school was cut short in order to care for her invalid mother, but on August 6, 2010, she received her diploma from Edgemont High School; and,

Whereas, Helen married Tom Raby on November 27, 1929, and to that union five children were born: Iona, Joseph, Russell, Susan, and Richard, who further blessed their lives with 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Early living conditions were rough with no electricity or running water, and even with the responsibilities of caring for their own five children, Helen also found time to take in sewing and ironing, babysit for other families, and enjoyed reading and crocheting; and,

Whereas, Helen has been a life-long member of the Methodist Church, now the United Church, an active member of the Hesperian Rebekah Lodge No. 34 since 1940, a 30-year member of the Edgemont Senior Citizens Club, and was the first resident at the Hillcrest Apartments for the elderly, and continues to reside there; and,

Whereas, Helen will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on December 26, 2010, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 25, 2010, as

HELEN RABY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

A handwritten signature of M. Michael Rounds, Governor of South Dakota.

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Chris Nelson, Secretary of State.

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